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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT MIGUEL ALFARO VISITS
EL SALVADOR

1. VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT OF COSTA RICA JOSE MIGUEL ALFARO ARRIVED SAN SALVADOR APRIL 11 FOR BRIEF COURTESY VISIT. MIGUEL ALFARO STATED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARAZO ODIO WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE COSTA RICA TO VISIT EL SALVADOR IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT ROMERO DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS OCCUPIED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT. VICE-PRESIDENT STATED THAT PRESIDENT CARAZO ASKED THAT PRESIDENT ROMERO PARDON HIM FOR BEING UNABLE TO MAKE THE VISIT AT THIS TIME AND EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE INVITATION.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT, ALFARO RESPONDED TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE COURSE HIS NEW GOVERNMENT MAY BE EXPECTED TO TAKE. WHEN ASKED IF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DIS-
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POSED TO ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA, VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT STATED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THE WORLD BUT WOULD DEFINITELY NOT ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA. WHEN ASKED IF HIS GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA, HE RESPONDED QTE UNTIL NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DETERMINED IF THE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN OFFICIALS IN COSTA RICA

HAD BEEN THE CAUSE OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THAT COUNTRY OR
IN CENTRAL AMERICA UNQTE. CONCERNING NORTH AMERICAN FUGITIVE
ROBERT VESCO, PRESENTLY IN COSTA RICA, ALFARO STATED THAT
THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO ALL OF THE ORGANI-
ZATIONS OF CENTRAL AMERICA INTEGRATION AND ESPECIALLY TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES (ODECA).

3. VICE-PRESIDENT ALFARO HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO
AT 11 A.M. AND ATTENDED LUNCHEON HOSTED BY VICE-PRESIDENT
ASTACIO AND RONMIN ALVARO ERNESTO MARTINEZ. HE RETURNED TO
COSTA RICA SAME AFTERNOON.
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